

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. **0291MH-34637C**

Prior Application Serial No.: **09/761,035**

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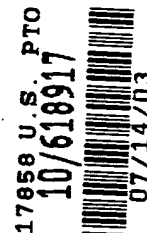
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Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ **continuation**
☐ **continuation-in-part**
☐ **divisional**



application under **37 CFR 1.53(b)**, of pending prior application Serial No. **09/761,035** filed **16 JANUARY 2001**, for "*Method and Apparatus for Lay Flat Control in an Extruded Film Production Line*" (Docket No. 0291MH-34637), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **09/024,278**, filed **17 February 1998** (Docket No. 40916), which is claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/176,457, filed 15 January 2000, now U.S. Patent No. **6,592,786**.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application **including the oath or declaration as originally filed** and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy. (See No. 14 for declaration.)
2. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
3. ☒ A preliminary amendment will follow shortly.
4. ☒ Also enclosed: Return Postcard
5. ☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☒ was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
6. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-21 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line: "This is a ☒ Continuation, ☐ Continuation-in-Part or ☐ Division pending prior application Serial No. **09/761,035** filed **16 JANUARY 2001**, for "*Method and Apparatus for Lay Flat Control in an Extruded Film Production Line*" (Docket No. 0291MH-34637), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **09/024,278**, filed **17 February 1998** (Docket No. 40916), which is claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/176,457, filed 15 January 2000, now U.S. Patent No. **6,592,786**."
8. ☐ Priority of application serial No. , filed on , in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial no. , filed .

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This paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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9. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
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Basic Fee		\$375.00
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additional claims		\$
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10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ _____ and any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1060. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

11. ☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed.

12. _____ The prior application is assigned of record to

13. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Melvin A. Hunn.

- a. ☒ The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
b. _____ A new power of attorney is enclosed (*adding prosecution attorneys*).
c. _____ Since the power of attorney does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
d. ☒ Address all future communication to: **Melvin A. Hunn, Esq., HILL & HUNN LLP, 201 Main Street, Suite 1440, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.**

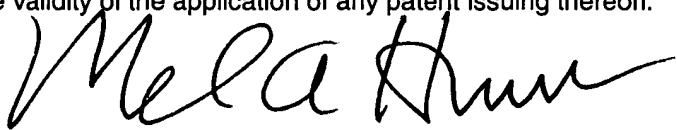
14. ☒ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. **09/761,035** as originally filed on **16 January 2001**.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his or her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

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